Saint Bernard Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

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Mass Schedule

Sundays

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.
Sundays: 8:30 a.m. -10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Spanish-Once a Month on Saturday's at 7:00 p.m.

Weekdays

Monday - Friday at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Summer

Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Sundays at 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Holy Days

8:30 a.m. and Evening Mass at 7:30 p.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Rectory Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m.-7:00p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word
Fifth Sunday of Easter

GOD'S DWELLING IS WITH THE HUMAN RACE

Many years back as I was looking to buy a greeting card, I came upon one of many by Helen Steiner Rice. The one that stood out said, "To find God I climbed the highest steeple. God said, 'Go down, I dwell among the people." In 1995 there was a hit song by Joan Osborne title, "One Of Us". While some objected due to its seemingly questioning our understanding of divinity, most understood that the song was meant to help us to recognize the presence of divinity not just in heaven but among us, a God who is in fact 'one of us.' It is a song that, whether intentionally or not, elevated the Christian belief in the Incarnation, that God in Jesus did in fact become one of us. There has always been a tension between our understanding of the omnipotence of God (God as all knowing, all powerful, all present, above and beyond all of His creation, the Author and Giver of life) and the fatherhood of God (God as Father, God as love, God as merciful, God as one of us in Christ). The tension may largely exist because we tend to like neat categories. We saw that played out in the recent election of Pope Leo XIV. Social justice activists called him a progressive while those concerned with doctrine called him conservative. The fact is that most people, unless they are ideologues, do not fit into neat categories or descriptions. That also includes God. In today's second reading from the Book of Revelation we hear clearly that God dwells among the people. Unfortunately, due to sin, indifference, and the busyness of so many peoples' lives, it has become all too easy to be unaware of God's presence in our midst. If we look at the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles today, we hear Luke telling us that "it is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God." The Kingdom does not refer to a place as we understand that but rather to a relationship, a being present to God as God is present to us. Wherever God is, including in our midst, there is the Kingdom of God. The hardship of sin, indifference, and busyness where we miss 'the forest for the trees' are just that - hardships. Each in its own way weighs us down and keeps us from the total awareness of God in our midst, of God in Christ becoming one of us who walked our journey and "was like us in every way but sin." The Gospel reading this Sunday from St. John tells us that Christ has been glorified and that God is glorified in Christ. We are also reminded by St. Paul that as Christ is glorified, we too are called to "go from glory to glory." The Gospel today tells us how we can receive that glory as the sons and daughters of God: by loving one another. Sin, indifference, and busyness with the cares of the passing things of this world can easily distract us from truly loving one another and God. St. John tells us that God is love. If we abide in God we then abide in love. In order though to abide in God we have to recognize him in others and love him in others without distinction. To recognize and love God in others is to also accept that God does dwell with the human race, that being 'one of us' in no way diminishes his omnipotence and glory but in fact shows its perfection that He Who holds all creation, all time and eternity, life and death in His hands, still chooses to dwell among the human race, to be 'one of us.'

Fr. John Maduri

Monthly 50/50 Raffle

Contribution is $25 and the proceeds will be used for the ongoing renovation and rebuilding of the parish facilities. Winner takes home half the amount collected for the given month. Simply drop your entry at the rectory or in the weekly collection basket. The next winner will be picked on June 4, 2025

This Month's Winner of $312.50 is

Karen Young

My Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Just a note of extending my heartfelt thanks to all the good people of our parish who attended the Mass of Thanksgiving on the 35th anniversary of my ordination. I want to especially thank the so many who have sent their prayers and best wishes; cards and gifts.

I am deeply humbled by the outpouring of your love and support and for that I am truly thankful and blessed. Know that you are all in my prayers.

May the peace and love of Jesus our risen Lord be with you always,

Deacon Frank

This weekend's second collection is a Diocesan Collection for the Bishop's Annual Catholic Appeal.

Thank you always for your generosity! It is greatly appreciated!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025

9:00am Anthony Carmelo Brannan Jr. Love Mommy, Frances Mignano/ Brannan

5:00pm Giuseppe Bavaro by his Sons
Anne & Jim Cooper by their daughter Mary
Joseph Brucato by Jo & Joseph Brucato & Family (Birthday)
Susanne MacBride by St. Bernard Friends (1st Birthday in Heaven)

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

8:30am Michael Moore by Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino

10:00am Madeline Poggioli by Lisa Poggioli

11:30am Michael & Theresa Cetta by Roseann & Anthony Cetta

5:30pm Jeremy Krauss by St. Bernard Friends

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025

8:30am Eddie Wagner Birthday in Heaven Loving Memory his Uncle Chris & Aunt Melissa

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025

8:30am Domenick Puleo by his Wife & Children

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025

8:30am Mary Ann Thiel by The Lieber Family

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025

8:30am Joseph Anthony Panicali by Helene Cirrincione

FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2025

8:30am In Thanksgiving for Fr. Maduri on his Installation as Pastor by Veronica Obdyke & Family

SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2025

9:00am Robert Vito by Martha-Jean Rosiello

5:00pm Sister Corde Somma 2nd Anniversary in Heaven Loving Memory
Chris, Melissa & Family

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025

8:30am Anthony Brannan by Renee & Thomas Sorrentino
Frank Ribaudo by Renee & Thomas Sorrentino
Anthony Carmelo Brannan Jr. by Mommy-Frances Mignano/Brannan

10:00am Mary Modica by her Children & Grandchildren

11:30am Charles Giberti by Tina Giberti
Ray Hanovich by his wife June (Birthday)

5:30pm Joseph Black by St. Bernard Friends (Birthday in Heaven)

Bible Study Acts of the Apostles

There will be Bible Study of The Acts of the Apostle
on Mondays at 7:00pm
on May 19th & 26th
with Joann Roa,
Director of Faith Formation
for the Diocese of Brooklyn

Memorials

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of Joseph Black
Donated by St. Bernard Friends

Altar Wine:

In Loving Memory of Joseph Black
Donated by St. Bernard Friends

Altar Candles:

In Loving Memory of Joseph Black
Donated by St. Bernard Friends

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Paul Bonauro
Donated by Mom & Dad
(Heavenly Birthday)

Altar Flowers:

In Loving Memory of Susanne MacBride
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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Christine Alamia
Jack Albin
Rosa Andreani
Debra Antoci
Francis Arcati
Marilyn Augello
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Jourdanna Barton
Christine Palumbo Beck
Nicholas Berlingieri
Lizette Borquero
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Margaret Bracco
Arline Brack
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Gary Camarda
Elaine Capper
Ana Caraballo
Joseph Carone
Carmine Carriero, Jr.
Domenic Carriero
Jeanne Castello
Clare Cawthon
Danel Cham
Nick Codella
Julia Comer
Sheila Connors
Angela Marie Consenza
Daniel Commisso
Janet Commisso
Angela Marie Cosenza
Irma Cruz
Samantha Curreri
Gabriella Cutrone
Josephine Dai
Francine Danza
Tania Davis
Marianna DeCarlo
Pamela DeCesare
Phyllis DeCesare
Samantha DiGennaro
Vicky DeGruccio
Maureen DeMarinis
Frances DePace
Ed Desantis
Diane DiAngelo
Rosa Diaz
Rosa DiBerardino
Mildred Diel
Donna Donzella
James Donzella
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John Fahey
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Carole Gibbons
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Robin Gottlieb
Nicholas Grillo
John Gullo
Cindy Guzzo
Ken Healy
Gregoria Hernandez
John
J.H.
June Honovich
CarolAnn Howe
Gianni Incandela
Laura Johnson
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Kiera Sophie
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Salvatore Leone
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Joseph Malk
Allan Maloney
Baby Salvatore Manniello
Yolanda Maranga
Steven Marinelli
Joseph Marino
Katherine Marra
Andrea Martin
Lurline Martineau
Matthew Mason
Nicole McCallion
Mackenzie McCallion
Eddie Boy McCarthy
Christine McCartney
Kelsey McCartney
Nancy McCormick
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Debbie Miller
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Laura Scattereggia
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Sue Ann Spotts
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Ryan Torgerson
Jennifer Tortorici
Geraldine Ventrice
Salvatore Ventrice
Stephen Wiegand
Thomas Yorke
Lily Zemel

The Paschal Candle Flowers for the week of May 18- May 24 was donated

In Loving Memory of

Joseph Black

Donated by St. Bernard Friends

The Fresh Floral Crown for The Blessed Mother for the week of May 18-May 24 was donated
In Thanksgiving for our

Communion Children

Donated by The Faith Formation Office

Faith Formation News

School of Religion Registration 2025/2026 Kindergarten through 7th Grade
Early Bird registration has begun and will continue until Wednesday, June 25th.
All fees for 2024-2025 must be paid to re-register.
Early bird fee will be for all who **register in full** from now through June 25th.
We want to ensure that we have the materials we need for next year and to avoid delivery delays and costly fees. Please come to the rectory. Please share this information with anyone you know who is interested in our Faith Formation program. Early Bird tuition for 2025/2026 term is $225 for 1 child, $275 for 2 children, and $325 for 3 or more children living in the same household
IF PAID IN FULL ON OR BEFORE Wednesday, JUNE 25th.
AFTER WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25TH $275 for 1 child, $325 for 2 children, and $375 for 3 or more children living in the same household. **No exceptions.**
*New students registering will need a copy of their birth and baptismal certificates
We accept Cash, Check, Credit Card, Venmo & Zelle

School of Religion Calendar:
Wednesday May 21 is the last day of class

RCIA/OICA Reunion

On June 1st there will be a reunion for anyone who went through the RCIA/OICA process at the 11:30am Mass followed by a discussion.

Pentecost

On Sunday, June 8th
at the 11:30am Mass
we will celebrate Pentecost with a multi-lingual Mass.

Stewardship Thought

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (JOHN 13:34)
"As I have loved you," this is the hard part – Jesus's love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to "love my neighbor" when they may be someone you don't like, someone you don't know, or someone that doesn't look like you.

Bereavement Ministry

Working Our Way Through Grief
A journey from grief to healing for people coping with the loss of a loved one.
Saturday, May 24, 2025
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
in the Rectory
For more information please call
Barbara at 917-686-5444
or Maureen at 347-436-5192

Save The Date!!

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BIG SMOKE

Tuesday, June 3, 2025 Starting at 6:30 p.m.
Hudson River Yacht Club
For More Information or Early Registration
Phone or Text Rita at
917-698-5506 or Email pa117@diobrook.org

Class of 2025

On Sunday, June 15th at the 10:00am Mass, we will honor the Class of 2025 from Pre-K to PHD

May Devotions

On Wednesday, May 28th at 7:00pm there will be May Devotions in the church. There will be Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary & Reflection about Mary. Refreshments will follow. Please join us !

Bergen Beach Sports & Recreation Camp

at St. Bernard Catholic Academy
Open House/Registration in Lobby of Academy Building
Saturday, June 14th, 2025 11:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.
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Annual Appeal Goal for 2025: $51,902.

Amount Pledged: **$23,237.** (as of 5/5/25)

Amount Received: $15,729.

AMOUNT NEEDED TO MEET GOAL: $36,173

Donors: 54

(there are 1,000 families registered in our Parish)
If you have already made your pledge – Thank you!

If you have not - Please support the

2025 Annual Catholic Appeal

Give WHAT YOU CAN

When you can!

Thank You!

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9:00am-3:00pm
St. Bernard Parish Hall
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Theology On Tap

For young adults 18-35
Thursday May 29th and
Thursdays June 5th, 12th & 19th
St. Bernard Church Garden
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We will meet in the parish hall in case of rain

For the Military

If you would like to add a loved one that is in active duty in the military, please call the rectory with their name and branch of service and we will add them to a list of military members to pray for. Thank you. Almighty & eternal God, protect these men & women as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care.
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Shane Cawthon (Army)
Frank Gargano (Army)
Michael Gargano Jr. (Navy)
Marcello Gargano (Army)
Andrew-Jude Lao (SPC1 Space Force)
Joseph Milone (Marines)
Ryan Moravcik (Army-Cavalry Scout)
Liam O'Connell (Navy)

Perform a Random Act of Kindness For First Responders

•Bring Cookies and Coffee to an Emergency Room at a Hospital.
•Pay for Police Officers Lunch if you see them in a Restaurant.
•Pay for Fire Fighters groceries when they are shopping for dinner.

PRAY FOR THEM ALL!

St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of May 10 & May 11, 2025
Saturday, May 10th 8:00pm- 166
Sunday, May 11th 8:30am-105
Sunday, May 11th 10:00am-148
Sunday, May 11th 11:30am-195
Sunday, May 11th 5:30pm-48
Total-622

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Weekdays 8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Devotions

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA
MONDAYS
Novena after the 8:30 a.m. Mass
ROSARY
Monday - Friday after 8:30 a.m. Mass
Saturday after 9:00 a.m. Mass
FIRST FRIDAYS
Exposition: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in Chapel

Baptisms

Scheduled for the fourth Sunday of each month at 12:30 p.m. Parents are required to schedule an appointment with a Priest or Deacon at least six weeks prior to Baptism.

Marriages

Arrangements must be made with a Priest or Deacon at least 6 months before the wedding.
Pre-Cana information can be found at **www.pre-cana.org.**

Sick Calls

Please call the Rectory to arrange a Communion call to the sick or elderly, or a pastoral visit to a hospitalized loved one.

Vocations

Anyone seeking information regarding the Priesthood, Permanent Deaconate, Religious Life or to serve in our Parish as a Lay Minister should speak to Fr. Maduri, Fr. Mike, Dcn. Frank, Dcn. Chris or Dcn. Herb.

Parish Membership

All new families are welcome to the Parish and encouraged to become actively involved in parish societies and activities. New parishioners should register at the Rectory as soon as possible. Parishioners are asked to use the weekly envelopes in making their contributions.

Catholics Come Home

Please feel free to invite those who have been away from our parish to attend Mass with you. If there is anyone you know of that is upset with the church and feels that my speaking to them would be of help, please let me know so that I may speak with them. Fr. Maduri.

Consider Leaving a Legacy of Faith

Remember Our Parish in Your Will

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